

Local Happenings

Of The Week.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

DON WILSON STOCK.
The Don Wilson stock of goods was sold yesterday to Wm. Wellmer, who will proceed to close it out within a few days.

AN APPOINTMENT.
D. Ludlow, grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the I. O. O. F. of Texas, yesterday appointed E. Wittmann from Austin as a district deputy grand patriarch of district No. 8, composed of Burnet, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson counties.

SHIRINERS' MEETING.
Ben Hur Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Will Meet Tonight for Fun and Pleasure.

More than a baker's dozen of poor, weary sons of the desert will take up their march tonight and continue their perilous journey across the hot sands, previous and preparatory to their final reception within the walls of the temple, and their admission to the traditional banquet now in course of preparation by the Arab, Salge.

THE STATE DEPARTMENTS.
Items of Interest Gleaned in the State House Yesterday.

The following charters were filed in the secretary of state's office yesterday:
The Whittey Hardware company of Houston. Capital stock, \$20,000. Incorporators: S. K. McIlhenny, B. B. Baer and Clifford Perkins.
The Mount Calm Water company of Mount Calm, Tex. Capital stock, \$5000. Incorporators: John P. Lewis, S. R. Coker, H. C. Holcombe.

HE COMMISSION.
The following circular was issued from this office yesterday:

Special Authority. T. & N. O. R. R. Co. Application No. 11—Authority No. 9.—In approval of joint application, submitted under No. 11, of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad company, authority is hereby granted for the adoption of the following rates, in cents, per 100 pounds, for the transportation of melons and vegetables, in carloads and less than carloads, from points on the Gulf and Interstate Railway to points located in the common point territory, on the following named lines: Texas and New Orleans Railroad, carloads, 17 1/2; less than carload, 30; Austin and Northwestern Railroad, Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway, Gulf, Western Texas and Pacific Railroad, Houston and Texas Central Railroad, New York, Texas and Mexico Railroad, Sabine and Eastern Texas Railway, Texas Trunk Railway, Houston, East and West Texas Railway, Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway of Texas, Sherman, Shreveport and Southern Railway, St. Louis and Northwestern Railway, Texas Midland Railroad, Texas and North Western Railroad, San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway, carloads, 25; less than carload, 50.

Rates to points in differential territory to be made by adding to the rates above authorized, on carload shipments, class C, and less than carload shipments, fourth class, differential rates authorized in section 3 of general tariff of class rates No. 1, issued by this commission July 16, 1895, effective March 23, 1897.

KIDNAPPED HER CHILD.
Mrs. Tillie Sweeney of Galveston yesterday forenoon, in a closed carriage, drove out to St. Edward's college, and persuading her boy, Morrow, aged 15 years, to get into the carriage with her, she drove rapidly back to town, and she and her son took the noon train for Houston.

The story as told is about as follows: Mrs. Sweeney is the divorced wife of Mr. Tom Sweeney of Galveston, who at one time was a prominent ship broker and is still prominent and popular in business circles in the Island City, where he has a host of friends.

In his case for divorce the court gave him custody of his two boys and gave the mother custody of their only daughter. A short time ago Mr. Sweeney brought his eldest boy to Austin and placed him in St. Edward's college, a prominent and excellent school for boys and young men. A few days ago the divorced wife and mother of the boy reached Austin, and, it is said, she has been endeavoring to get her son to leave the school and go with her, but up to yesterday morning she has steadily refused to comply with her wishes.

Yesterday morning, however, as stated, she succeeded in getting him off, and a short time after he was missed from the college and grounds.

It seems that his fellow had divulged the mission of his mother to Father Kline, president of the college, and other teachers, and as soon as he was missed it was correctly concluded he had gone off with his mother, who, under the decision of the court at Galveston, has no legal control over him.

The officials of the college hurried to town, hoping to intercept the boy, but they were a little too late, the train for Houston, having on board Mrs. Sweeney and her son, having pulled out.

Under the law it appeared to be a clean cut case of kidnapping, and a complaint was made against Mrs. Sweeney and a warrant issued for her arrest.

It was placed in the hands of Sheriff White, who at once telephoned to Sheriff Teague of Washington county to watch for the train from Austin and arrest and hold Mrs. Sweeney and her boy.

Sheriff Teague did his duty and "phoned back that he had the two in custody, and Sheriff White left for Brenham last night on the 8 o'clock train, and if Mrs. Sweeney is unable to give bond there he will bring her to Austin today.

THE HAIL STORM.
Quite a severe hail storm passed over the city and surrounding country yesterday morning, but very little damage was done. News from the country districts indicated that damage to fruit and growing corn was slight. The market gardens near town were damaged some, but not enough to cause much loss. A very heavy rain storm from the northwest, passed over the city last night about 10 o'clock, and at that hour dispatches from Dallas over The Statesman's leased wire said a terrific storm was raging all over north and northwest Texas.

IT DID NOT COME OUT.
On the first of the month, with a good deal of blow and bluster, a new evening paper, called the Daily State Democrat, made its appearance, claiming to be the official organ of the city and the state administration. It ran just seventeen days, and yesterday failed to make its appearance. If its failure was due to its supposed friends not keeping what were claimed to be promises, those who made the venture are to be sympathized with.

while their judgment is to be deplored in trying to start another evening paper in Austin.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

THE POOR FARM.
Superintendent Giles reports the poor farm in fine condition. The rain was a blessing, and corn is growing rapidly. He has about twenty people to care for now.

SHOOK THE DUST.
William Stuart, a spectacle fakir, who has been selling glasses on the streets was arrested yesterday morning, and on promise to shake the dust of Austin from his feet, he was released.

THAT KIDNAPING.
Mrs. Sweeney Brought in From Brenham and Bound Over to the Grand Jury.

Mrs. Tillie Sweeney of Galveston, against whom a charge of kidnapping was made, Thursday, as mentioned in yesterday's Statesman, was brought in from Brenham yesterday morning by Sheriff White. Her brother, J. S. Brown, a prominent business man of Galveston, and the kidnapped boy accompanied her. On reaching the city Mrs. Sweeney promptly gave bond, Representative Harris of Galveston going on it, and Mr. J. S. Brown promptly returned the boy to St. Edward's college, and so far as that institution is concerned the matter between them and Mrs. Sweeney is at an end and the law will take its course.

Through her attorneys, Robertson & Hogg, last afternoon, she waived examination in Justice Johnson's court and was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500, which, of course, was promptly given.

Mrs. Sweeney is wealthy and prominent in society in Galveston, where she is highly connected and very popular. She has some acquaintances and warm friends in Austin.

Mr. J. S. Brown and Mrs. Sweeney left for Galveston last night.

THE STATE DEPARTMENTS.

A Round of the State House as Gleaned on Yesterday.

The Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railroad yesterday paid the comptroller \$226,766, the same being 1 per cent of its gross passenger earnings for the quarter ending December 31, 1896.

PERMIT TO DO BUSINESS.

Permitted to do business in the state was yesterday granted the Grand Rapids Cycle company of Michigan. Capital stock, \$100,000.

THE COMMISSION.

The following were issued from this office yesterday:

Circular No. 402, Amending Commodity Tariff No. 9.—In approval of joint application of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway, and Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad companies, submitted under No. 67, of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway company, it is hereby ordered that commodity tariff No. 9, issued by this commission, to apply on shipments of stone and sand, transported by railroads between points in Texas, and effective March 25, 1895, be amended by adding thereto the following exceptions:

No. 38, Rubble rock (rocks of irregular shape and sizes), in carloads, minimum weight, 20 tons per car, from a point seventeen miles north of San Antonio, on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway, to Rockport and Aransas Pass, (\$1.00 one dollar per ton of 2000 pounds).

No. 38, Rubble rock (rock of irregular shape and sizes), in carloads, minimum weight, 20 tons per car, from Muldoon to Galveston, (\$1.20 one dollar and twenty cents per ton of 2000 pounds. Effective at once.

Special Authority. S. A. & A. P. Ry. Application No. 14.—Authority No. 9.—In approval of joint application of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway and International and Great Northern Railroad, submitted under No. 64, of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway company, authority is hereby granted for the adoption of the rate of twenty (20) cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of melons and green vegetables, other than potatoes, in carloads, between all stations on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway, except north of San Antonio, and all stations on the International and Great Northern Railroad, north of Houston, including Malvern, Arcola Junction and points Devine and east; and from points on Columbia branch to be two (2) cents per 100 pounds higher, and from and to points west of Devine to be made by adding the class C differential, authorized in section 3 of general tariff of class rates No. 1, issued by this commission, July 16, 1895, to the twenty (20) cent rate above authorized.

Effective March 25, 1897.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Twentieth Senatorial District Teachers to Meet in Granger.

On April 9 and 10, the teachers' institute of the Twentieth senatorial district will meet in Granger, Williamson county. Following is the program:

Friday Evening, 8 O'Clock—

Music.

Welcome Address—Professor D. M. Lowrance of Granger.

Response—Professor B. H. Fisk of Leander.

Moral Training in Public Schools—Professor T. J. Witt of Salado.

Address—Superintendent F. P. Leverett of Georgetown.

Recitation.

Saturday Morning, 9 O'Clock—

Should Teachers Require Pupils to Read Books Not Included in the School Course?—Mrs. Moore of Granger.

Physical Culture in Public Schools—Professor Foster of Taylor.

Course of Study for Country Schools—Miss Nannie Burks of Taylor.

The Permanent Teacher vs. the Transient Teacher—Superintendent A. Logan of Georgetown.

The Teacher's Work Outside the School Room—Miss Katie Conoley of Thorndale.

Saturday Afternoon, 2 O'Clock—

The Coming Teacher—Professor Bickler of Austin.

The Teacher in Politics—Superintendent John E. Shelton of Austin.

The Permanent Teacher vs. the Transient Teacher—Superintendent A. Logan of Georgetown.

The Teacher's Work Outside the School Room—Miss Katie Conoley of Thorndale.

Saturday Evening, 8 O'Clock—

Music.

Paper—Miss Lina Hickman of Bertram.

Wholesome Restraint of Conservatism—Professor B. K. Benson of Austin.

Discussion—Superintendent Rice of Belton.
Music.
Paper—Miss Nannie Harrison of Austin.

A business meeting will be held on Saturday.

In order that visiting teachers may be provided with homes, they should write to Professor D. M. Lowrance, Granger, Tex.

FROM SUNDAY'S DAILY.

A BIG SHIPMENT.

Probably one of the largest shipments of elegant turnouts ever brought to Austin was received by Rosette & Beatty last week. A Statesman reporter called at their place of business yesterday, and in conversation with Mr. Forrest Beatty, learned of the big shipment. They have now got one of the largest stocks of carriages, buggies, traps and surreys to be found in the south. Their salesrooms are just opposite the postoffice, and if you want to see the very latest creations on wheels you should call at once. This firm does the carriage business of Austin and surrounding country, and at this particular time of the year they are kept busy filling orders.

A FIVE MISTAKE.
Last evening a lady drove up to J. Shaprio's place on West Sixth street, bought 20 cents worth of lettuce and handed the proprietor a bill with the remark, "Here is a \$5 bill; I am in such a hurry; please give me the change." Mr. Shaprio did not examine the bill, but gave the lady \$4.80 in change. Shortly after she drove away he discovered it was a \$10 bill instead of a \$5. The lady can get the balance of her change if she will call.

PRINTING OFFICE SOLD.
Mr. Richard Johnson yesterday bought the printing outfit in the Openheimer building for the sum of \$250. It was used for printing a paper a few days ago.

FISHING PARTIES.
Quite a number of fishing parties went out yesterday to try their luck angling for silver perch, trout and such fish, and stories of great big fish breaking lines and escaping will be in order today.

THE REVIVAL MEETING.
The revival meeting, at Hyde Park, conducted by Rev. E. C. Rice, is still in progress, and growing in interest. The congregations are quite large, and the services are interesting. Preaching will be at 11, and night at 7:30. All are invited.

HAD A GOOD TIME.

Came in a Storm, and Visited the Salvation Army Hall.

Mat Ford and George Trowbridge of San Saba, charged with assault and battery, were before Judge Morris yesterday on a complaint of insufficiency of bond.

Ford isn't looking as well as he did when last last month standing his trial, but he is simply in the ordinary run of things. The Statesman's court reporter that he was feeling very well.

"We landed in Austin," he said, "Wednesday night, during that big storm, and having nothing else to do, we went to the Salvation Army hall, and we enjoyed their meeting very much. We felt that we were in pretty good company."

They left for their home in San Saba, Monday morning.

HE WILL MOVE.

Justice Mat Johnson is going to move his office to the up stairs room of the building just across the alley from the court house.

"I'm going over near the court house," he said yesterday, in a burst of confidence, "but I do not want either Judge Brooks or Morris to think that the move is made with any design to interfere with their business. I may, in an off hand way, as justice of the peace, occasionally grant a divorce or send a man to the pen, but I'll open a box and let the boys have a good time. I think perhaps I'll move some time next week."

IT WAS SMOKE.
A telephone message yesterday morning asked for the immediate presence of policemen at the capital. Two mounted officers, a mounted deputy sheriff and a mounted deputy United States marshal were soon in the big building, but they looked in vain for a disturbance. No one could give them information as to who sent the message, and they left the capital in disgust.

DOWN LIFE TOGETHER.

For the week ending yesterday, County Clerk John Hornsby issued the following marriage permits:

John E. Sharp and Miss Annie Dison.

Cruz Flores and Juana Lopez.

Salomon Lewis Patton and Miss Webster Grumbles.

Jefferson McCutcheon and Lucinda Hill.

Charles S. Rainey and Nancy A. Havens.

Tom Hogrow and Eliza Chandler.

Alvino Ledesma and Alhaila Alvaris.

AUSTIN BALL TOSSERS.

The four players of the Austin club who are here—Manager Weikart, Pitcher Partridge, Third Baseman Mesmer and Left Fielder Pettijohn—are getting in some good practice these days. The other players are expected daily. The team must all be here by the 25th inst., when regular practice to get into shape for the season begins.

NOT HERE.

John Blanthier, of San Francisco Murderer, Is Not in Our Jail.

An Associated Press dispatch in The Statesman yesterday morning stated that Joseph Blanthier, wanted in San Francisco for murder and robbery, was in the Austin jail. The dispatch is an error. No such man has been arrested here, nor has Sheriff White heard of any such man being arrested anywhere in Texas.

A private dispatch to the Austin correspondent of the San Francisco Call says the arrest took place in a north Texas town, and that Detective Gibson of the San Francisco detective bureau had left for Texas and would apply to Governor Culberson for requisition papers. Blanthier is said to be an ex-officer of the Austin army. He came to America, he is said, with Mrs. P. Langfeldt of San Francisco, whom he murdered by cutting her throat. He then took all her money and diamonds and escaped from the city.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

OUT AT SCHOLZ.

There was a large crowd out at Scholz' garden last night to enjoy a concert and dance given under the auspices

of the Liederkantz. As is usually the case, the entertainment was a great success and everybody enjoyed themselves hugely.

CHANGE OF DATE.

The railroad commission has issued the following notification:
Circular No. 403. Amending Circulars Nos. 393 and 398.—It is hereby ordered that circular No. 393, dated March 8, and circular No. 398, dated March 12, 1897, in which notice is given by this commission of a hearing on the subject of rates for the transportation of sundry commodities by railroads between points in Texas, be amended by changing the date of the hearing from March 23, as fixed by circular No. 398, to Monday, March 29, 1897, upon which date the consideration of the matters embraced in circulars Nos. 393 and 398 will commence and continue from day to day until such matters are disposed of.

This action is taken in response to a request for a postponement of the hearing presented to the commission by the railroad companies of the state.

REV. DR. MITCHELL.

He Addressed the Men at the Young Men's Christian Association.

Dr. Mitchell, of the Baptist church, addressed the men at the Young Men's Christian association rooms last afternoon, and his address was an earnest and interesting one. He made a plea for fidelity and friendship to Christ. "The first thing," he said, "in friendship is faith. No man can be a friend of Christ without having faith in Him. A man is a friend of a country if he has faith in it. He is a friend of an institution if he has faith in it. A friend of any establishment just so far as he believes in it. Therefore a man, to be a friend of Christ, must have faith and believe in Him." The speaker contended that religion does not consist simply in belief, but there must be life in Christ, fidelity to Him and a right living. Have confidence in Him and be faithful to Him. Friendship is one of the rarest gems on earth. Friendship between man and man. True, noble, faithful friendship. That is the kind Christ wants. He wants friends who will be faithful and stand by Him. Dr. Mitchell argued that the end of friendship to Christ would be everlasting life in heaven, and you can not get there without the help of Christ.

The address, an intelligent and practical one, such as Dr. Mitchell always makes, was listened to with marked attention.

THIS IS ELECTION DAY.

Four Water and Light Commissioners to Be Selected by the People.

The election to select four water and light commissioners takes place today with five candidates in the field. Following are the polling places, the names of the election officers. The polls will open at 9 o'clock and close at 6 this afternoon:

First Ward—Glass' wood yard. Judges: W. J. Sutor, B. F. Marshall and E. F. Numbers.

Second Ward—Achilles' store. Judges: S. G. Kingsbury, I. Malevinsky and G. W. Kern.

Third Ward—Mayor's office. Judges: Jos. Harrell, Jr., J. M. Odell and T. L. Odell.

Fourth Ward—Goodman's store. Judges: Joe Schuber, T. S. Gathwright and Walter Smith.

Fifth Ward—Protection hall. Judges: H. L. Spain, W. S. Odell and J. K. P. Byrne.

Sixth Ward—Weilbacher's store. Judges: Aug. Weilbacher, Sr., J. P. Wallace and W. J. Tobin.

Seventh Ward—Wellmer's mill. Judges: Wm. Wellmer, R. Hasecke and G. D. Allen.

Eighth Ward—Court house. Judges: Paul Millett, H. G. Lee and A. H. Newton.

Ninth Ward—Seagrath's stable. Judges: Walter White, D. L. Wingfield and D. S. Harper.

Tenth Ward—E. D. Walker's residence. Judges: Al Musgrove, N. B. Metz and J. B. Henderson.

Eleventh Ward—South Austin Fire hall. Judges: E. L. Whitehead, W. T. McGregor and W. J. Malone.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

COMMISSIONERS ELECTED.

The election held yesterday for water and light commissioners was distinguished for listlessness and don't-care-a-bit-how-the-result-pans-out mood.

There was general apathy, and apparently the people cared very little about the election, and they refrained from voting. The absence of business men and tax payers from most of the polls was absolutely astonishing and inexplicable, considering the importance of the commission to the city.

The largest vote cast for any one of the regular nominees was 1054 for Capt. Leitmaker. There were four of five scattering votes, making the total vote polled 1058, out of a total registered vote of about 4600.

Following table shows the vote by wards:

Ward.	Brush.	Doorn.	Leitmaker.	Lawrence.	Morley.
First.....	45	73	77	72	70
Second.....	123	114	120	103	99
Third.....	55	105	102	88	84
Fourth.....	63	75	70	57	63
Fifth.....	65	95	94	81	84
Sixth.....	82	125	125	102	113
Seventh.....	135	100	105	105	105
Eighth.....	88	107	115	93	96
Ninth.....	61	51	52	43	43
Tenth.....	142	114	114	145	104
Eleventh.....	51	30	73	29	31
Totals.....	910	987	1054	918	892

The table shows that Mr. Geo. A. Brush has a majority of 18 over Mr. S. K. Morely, who received the lowest vote cast for the four regular nominees of the court house mass meeting.

There was no ebullition of excitement at any of the polls, and the police were called on to suppress riots and such things, notwithstanding Mike Odell received a vote in the Tenth ward, and "Buzzard Sal" another in the same ward. It was feared last night that these two worthies might kick up a row over the result and fix up an able-bodied contest.

As to how the people felt over the result of the day's election, no one could tell last night, as very few persons were heard to express themselves one way or the other.

All hope, however, that the commission may be a success in every way, and that its labors will redound to the interests of the city.

The Shortland Boys.

A very interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held by a large number of stenographers in the parlor of the Hotel Orr last night. They formed an association and will hold another meeting next Monday night in Mr. Ayres' office.

Civil Service.

The civil service examination closed yesterday. There were eleven applications, but only six reported, as follows: William T. Robertson of Waco,

N. F. Work of Houston, Adolph Ruh of Selma, Texas; H. C. Ford of San Antonio, Wm. T. McCutcheon of Hutto and John M. Bell of Austin. The examination papers will go to Washington to be passed on.

For the Fans.

The Brenham base-ball team want to play the Austin professionals on the 15th and 16th of next month. They want to play here as they go to San Antonio and again on their return, but the last date doesn't suit the Austin boys. A proposition was sent them, however, to play a game on the 18th and it may be accepted. The regular league season will open April 17 with San Antonio.

Death at the Asylum.

Died, at Insane Asylum, Sunday, March 21, at 8:30 p. m., Mrs. Matilda Glass. The remains were sent to Marlin, Falls county, Tex., for interment. Her daughter was at her bedside when she expired, and accompanied the remains home, on the north-bound train, last night.

Opening of the City Mission.

Tonight Rev. R. J. Briggs, D. D., will deliver an address on "Rescuing the Fallen." An excellent musical program, and a great crowd is expected.

For the past year a city mission has been talked of a great deal by the more religious element of the various churches, and on last Sunday afternoon quite a number of religious people of Austin gathered at the residence of Maj. Walton, on Second street, to discuss plans for a mission. It was finally agreed that the large brick building on the corner of Second street and the Avenue, recently occupied by Haverport's grocery store, should be rented, and a gospel mission opened at once.

The building has been renovated, and the ground floor will be used for a service hall, in which services will be held every night in the week, and on Sunday, while the rooms on stairs will be used for a school house.

Mrs. Georgia Church, for some years a city missionary in Michigan, and recently missionary of the Woman's Christian Temperance union in Austin, has been unanimously selected as leader of the mission. It is earnestly hoped that the much-needed branch of Christian work will receive the hearty co-operation of the Christian people of the city, and all are cordially invited to attend.

GREEN LEAVES.

What the Medical Profession Knows About Them.

The season of green leaves is at hand. They will soon be here with all their beauty and utility. The scientist not only sees how beautiful they are, but is able also to see how useful they are. The green leaves are oxygen makers. Oxygen is necessary to animal life. The free oxygen of the atmosphere is constantly being consumed by combustion and by breathing creatures. The oxygen thus consumed is rendered unfit for breathing, being converted into carbonic acid. Were it not for the green leaves our atmosphere would soon be deprived of all its oxygen and all air-breathing animals would die. What we breathe in, leaves breathe out, and vice versa. Each spring brings joy and invigoration through the enrichment of the air by the green leaves. It is at once a delicious and a trying time to the human system.

The sudden pouring into the atmosphere of so much free oxygen excites nervousness, skin eruptions, palpitation, and all sorts of mental excesses. All this is a necessary and unavoidable accompaniment of spring. Hence a spring medicine has come to be a necessity to most people. No